



This 38-mile (61 km) round-trip drive descends 3,700 feet (1,128 m) to the coast and ends where lava has covered 10 miles of road since 1986. Allow 90 minutes to two hours round-trip, depending on how often you stop and how far you hike.

**Note:** There are no services (water, gasoline, or food) on Chain of Craters road. Accessible toilets are located at Mauna Ulu parking lot and the end of the road. There is an emergency 911 phone at the Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs trailhead.

Approximate Driving Times (one-way)	
Crater Rim Drive	30 minutes
End of Chain of Craters Road	45 minutes
To Hilo	45 minutes
To Kailua-Kona via north	2.5 hours
via south	3.0 hours
To Hawai'i County Lava Viewing Site	at least 1 hour

## Hikes

Pick up the **Mauna Ulu Eruption interpretive trail guide** at Kilauea Visitor Center or at the Mauna Ulu parking lot.

### Pu'u Huluhulu Cinder Cone ♿

Hike over 1973-1974 lava flows to a viewing area atop a 210-foot (64 m) cinder cone. Weather permitting, see the East Rift Zone, Pu'u 'Ō'ō and Mauna Ulu. **Trail begins at Mauna Ulu parking lot.** (2.5 miles / 4 km round-trip hike)

### Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs

A traditional Hawaiian trail leads to images artfully etched in stone. Petroglyphs are fragile, so stay on the boardwalk. **Trail begins at Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs pullout.** (1.4 miles / 2.4 km round-trip)

## What Will I See at the End of Chain of Craters Road?

**Accessibility:** The last 0.5 mile of the road, past the first gate, is wheelchair accessible. Accessible toilets are located at the vehicle turnaround.

During the day, you will see a variety of coastal landscapes and depending on what's going on with the East Rift Zone eruption at Pu'u 'Ō'ō, you may see everything from fumes on the hillside to a seemingly quiet flow field. On rare occasions, after dark, a red glow may be visible above the ridge.

After visiting the coastal ranger station, continue your walk to the Hōlei Sea Arch and then down the last 1/2 mile of road to view the newly created emergency access route.

### Hōlei Sea Arch

Enjoy spectacular ocean views of a 60-foot (18 m) tall sea arch from a viewing area just past the coastal ranger station. This sea arch was formed by wave erosion; the same process which will eventually cause it's collapse.

**For your safety, stay behind the rock wall and away from cliff edges. Do not climb out onto the sea arch.**